

WATERMASTER'S REPORT

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From March 28, 2014 To December, 2014

Water District No. 75E

Name of Watermaster Steve Adams

P.O. Address 1411 Bryan Ave Salmon ID 83467

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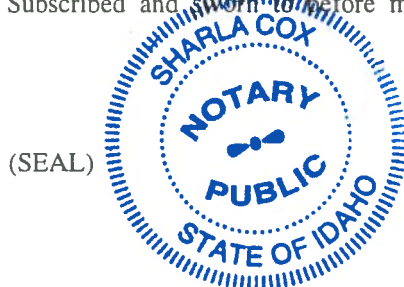
STATE OF IDAHO }
COUNTY OF _____ } ss.

Steve Adams, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Watermaster of Water District 75E, having been lawfully appointed by _____, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and that the volumes of water, as stated in this report and prorated by him to the water right holders of the district are correct.

Steve Adams

(Deputy) Watermaster District No. 75F

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of May, 2015



Sharla Cox

Notary Public

My Commission expires Sept 12, 2020

Boise, Idaho, May 4, 2015

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Steve Adams was lawfully appointed by me as Water Master of Water District No. 75E, and that the information contained in this report, as herein sworn to, is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Suzanne Stachman

Director, Department of Water Resources

By Steve Adams

Water District 75E Watermaster-2013 Summary Report

This report is a summary of the official report sent to IDWR. The official report is available upon request.

The 2013 season was one of discovery with trial and error on lots of different fronts. Identification of the individual diversions was one of the first items and that was conducted with Nick Miller from IDWR in May.

There is confusion on the points of diversion. Individuals need to also make sure that current landowners are identified by water transfers.

- IDWR identifies the upper diversion on Wallace Creek as the Moodie ditch and the second diversion as the Thomas/Stokes ditch. Historically the upper diversion has been Stokes and Moodie. Moodie and or Stokes needs to make sure their point of diversion match the Moodie ditch diversion.
- Thomas ditch users and water rights point of uses need to make sure landowners and points of diversion are changed to match.
- The Thomas diversion needs to be upgraded to meet the IDWR regulations. The head gate is fair but the weir is not adequate.

Issues with federal agency ditch easement permits and conditions will become more of an issue. It is advised that ditches using the Colorado Ditch Bill for ditch easements make sure their paperwork is in order.

Considerable time and effort was spent dealing with federal ditch easement issues and legal right to that use on the Savage Ditch diversion. At this time it appears that there has been an agreeable resolution.

It has been recommended to IDWR and now to the District that the lower diversion users create an association and elect a water master. There were a considerable number of complaints about the proper allocation of water after the main stem diversion. Under Idaho Code the only resolution is to have the association designate a water master or IDWR will appoint one. It is recommended that the lower diversion water users meet and follow the association process provide for in Idaho Code.

Additionally on the lower diversion there are users that are not able to receive their allocations. These individuals need to work toward providing ditch or conveyance easements to make water delivery and prove beneficial use. Short of an association agreement on water allocation each parcel should have a water headgate and measuring device/means to control volume, e.g., specific number of sprinkler heads with specific pressure and orifice sizing.

Bill Maxwell was charged last year in his assessment for a non-consumptive use. As per Idaho Code this was incorrect. He has requested a credit to his 2014 assessment.

From a personal perspective I found that the water master position is as much an administrator as a field person. IDWR's expectation is that the water master is the District treasurer, if elected to do

Water District 75E Watermaster-2014 Summary Report

so by the members. This includes a New Year budget and report to IDWR. They also require a notarized end of the year report that details water deliveries. To do the field work to support the delivery report requires at a minimum a bi-weekly diversion reading.

Given the expectations of IDWR I am requesting additional time and compensation for the position.

The new budget reflects a compensation rate of \$23/hour and increase of allocated mileage. There is a letter from IDWR that puts the District on notice that workman's compensation insurance is required for the Water Mater. I cannot find a payment or policy for that requirement in 2013. I have allocated \$144 for this line item.

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Delivery Volumes for Diversions **District 75E**

Water District 75E

Note: Thomas, Savage and Lower diversion rates are proportioned across users to match actual delivery readings.

Individual water rates delivered via internal diversions of ditch system.

District budget did not provide for daily delivery recording of diversion rates.

User ID	Username	Diversion Name(s)	Diversion rate	Days	Acre Feet
Stokes Div.	1.91		April- June	Delivered	Delivered
18	JAMES MOODIE (.01)	Stokes/Moodie	0.01		
27	STOKES (.9)	Stokes/Moodie	0.9		
1	ADAMS (1)	Mining Loc#1, Mining Loc#2	0		

Note: Zero delivery is due to lack of mine activity

New owner of a portion of Stokes property called for

storage water out of Wallace Lake

Water diversion and weir are at different locations

Totals	0.91	91	164.253635
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Thomas Div.	1.66		
14	HILLIS (.39)	Thomas/ Stokes Ditch	0.33
26	STAUBER (.34)	Thomas/ Stokes Ditch	0.33
29	WILL THOMAS (.33)	Thomas/ Stokes Ditch	0.33
30	CHARLES THOMAS (.33)	Thomas/ Stokes Ditch	0.33
31	JENELLE THOMAS (.27)	Thomas/ Stokes Ditch	0.33

Weir needs to be replaced with an approved

measuring device

Totals	1.65	91	297.822525
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Maxwell Div.	0.18		
16	MAXWELL (.09)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.09
16	MAXWELL (.03)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.03
16	MAXWELL-domestic/irrigation (.02)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.02
16	MAXWELL-domestic (.04)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.04

Totals	0.18	91	32.48973
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User ID	Username	Diversion Name(s)	Diversion rate April- June	Days Delivered	Acre Feet Delivered
Maxwell Power	0.69				
seperate 16	MAXWELL-power/not regulated(.6)	Maxwell Pipeline	0		
23	RHOADES (.04)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.04		
23	RHOADES (.05)	Maxwell Pipeline	0.05		

Totals	0.09	91	16.244865
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Note: Pipeline goes to Pelton wheel and discharges to pond. Overflow from pond goes through valve and weir to Rhoades pipeline.
Balance of pond discharge goes back to creek

Savage Div.	1.29		
4	WILLIAMS/BARINAGA (.09)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
5	BOURDON AND HARTLEY (.23)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
19	MAULEM (.1)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
20	ODELL (.03)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
21	OLSEN (.15)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
25	SNEED (.04)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1
32	WAITE (.41)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0
10	GEIDEL (.12)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0
11	GOOBY (.12)	Savage Ranch Ditch	0.1

Totals	0.7	91	126.34895
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Note: Delivery ditch not able to hold full diversion rate

Geidel has moved water to bank

Waite has issues with access to ditch

Shown amounts are proportional, not actual, to show amount at weir

Actual user deliveries are handled by Association ditch master

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User ID	Username	Diversion Name(s)	Diversion rate	Days	Acre Feet
Lower Div.	2.14 minus .5 of non delivered=1.64		April- June	Delivered	Delivered
2	ANDERSON (.01)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
2	ANDERSON (.01)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
3	ARRINGTON (.04)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
3	ARRINGTON (.05)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
3	ARRINGTON (.03)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
3	ARRINGTON (.04)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
7	CLAY (.05)	Lower Ditch	0		
7	CLAY (.04)	Lower Ditch	0		
8	FARLEY (.07)	Lower Ditch	0		
8	FARLEY (.01)	Lower Ditch	0		
9	HOWARTH-NOTT (.02)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
9	HOWARTH-NOTT (.03)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
12	GOSACK (.04)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
12	GOSACK (.05)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
13	HEFFNER (.03)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
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13	HEFFNER (.05)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
15	LEWIS (.1)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
22	PENSCO (.03)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
22	PENSCO (.04)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
23	RHOADES (.1)	Lower Ditch	0.09		
24	SHEFTS (.04)	Lower Ditch	0		
24	SHEFTS (.05)	Lower Ditch	0		
28	STOUT (.07)	Lower Ditch	0		
28	STOUT (.1)	Lower Ditch	0		
33	WONG-MCCLAIN (.03)	Lower Ditch	0		
33	WONG-MCCLAIN (.04)	Lower Ditch	0		

Totals

1.62	91	292.40757
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Note: Zero delivery rate on lower diversion is due to lack of delivery system to individual properties.

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Diversión rate	Days	Acre Feet	Diversión rate	Days	Acre Feet	Acre Feet
July-August	Delivered	Delivered	Sept-Oct	Delivered	Delivered	Delivered
0.01			0.01			
0.9			0.9			

0.91	62	111.90907	0.91	61	110.104085	386.26679
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0.33			0.3		
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1.65	62	202.91205	1.5	30	89.2575	589.992075
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0.09			0.09		
0.03			0.03		
0.02			0.02		
0.04			0.04		

0.18	62	22.13586	0.18	62	22.13586	76.76145
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Diversions rate	Days	Acre Feet	Diversions rate	Days	Acre Feet	Total Acre Feet
July-August	Delivered	Delivered	Sept-Oct	Delivered	Delivered	Delivered

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0.04
0.05

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0.09	62	11.06793	0.09	62	11.06793	38.380725
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0.7	62	86.0839	0.7	62	86.0839	298.51675
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0.09			0.09			
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1.62	62	199.22274	1.62	61	196.00947	687.63978

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C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

GARY SPACKMAN
Director

May 11, 2015

Steve Adams
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Salmon ID 83467

Water District 75E

Dear Watermaster:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Watermaster's Annual Report for the past season.

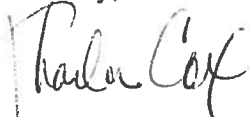
The same has been prepared by the watermaster and approved by this Department in conformity with Sections 42-610, 42-614 and 42-615, Idaho Code.

During the 1993 legislative session, the legislature enacted a new law which amends Section 42-619(9), Idaho Code and removes the independent financial audit requirement for most state water districts. The new law, referenced by Section 67-450B, Idaho Code (copy enclosed) identifies minimum audit requirements for all local government entities. Under the new statute, the governing body of any local government entity (i.e.; water district) whose annual budget does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) has no minimum audit requirements under this section. This means that any district which handles its own money and whose budget is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or less does not have to have an independent public account firm conduct a financial audit every few years as previously required by Section 42-619(9).

Please note that only the statutory requirement regarding the independent financial audit has been changed. Districts handling their own fund (i.e.; districts who collect and / or disburse their own funds) must still submit their own statement of the water district's financial affairs at the end of each fiscal year. As recommended in the Department's February 16, 1993 letter and the 1993 Watermaster Handbook, a copy of the financial statement may be submitted either with the annual water masters report or with the minutes of the annual meeting for the ensuing year. An example of an annual financial statement may be found in Appendix C of the 1993 Watermaster Handbook.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all water districts that workers compensation insurance is required for all water district employees. This requirement applies to all water districts in Idaho, regardless of annual budget. Insurance should be applicable at least to all paid water district staff, including the water master as well as watermaster assistants, advisory committee, secretary and treasurer. The costs associated with workers compensation insurance is paid directly by the water district and should be considered an expense of the district. For information about obtaining insurance costs etc., please contact the Idaho State Insurance Fund. The State Insurance Fund has offices in Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls. Water Districts are also reminded that all paid water district staff may be subject to state and federal taxes. These tax requirements will vary depending on salaries and total income of each watermaster or employee. In many water districts, particularly smaller districts with part-time staff, payment of watermaster or each employee. Districts may wish to contact the State Tax Commission or the Internal Revenue Service for information about state and federal withholding taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharla Cox".

Sharla Cox
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure